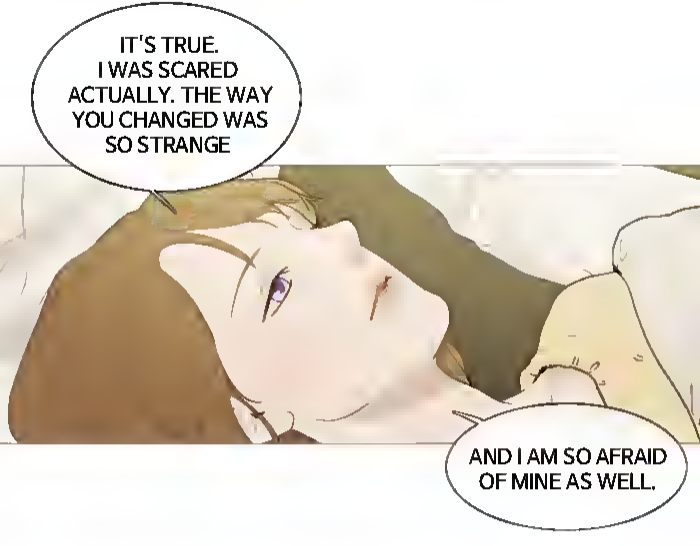
DID YOU KNOW THAT?
AND ESPECIALLY MOANING SOUND.
THAT SOUND!


IT'S TRUE.
I WAS SCARED
ACTUALLY. THE WAY
YOU CHANGED WAS
SO STRANGE
AND I AM SO AFRAID
OF MINE AS WELL.

YES.
HELP ME.
HELP ME
LIVE.

SHURA
YOU..!

I TOLD YOU. THERE'S ONE THING I HAVE TO DO.
UNTIL I FINISH IT, YOU AND I HAVE TO BE LIKE COMPLETE STRANGERS.
BUT ONCE I FINISH THIS, LET'S LEAVE HERE TOGETHER
WE'LL BUILD A HOUSE AND LIVE IN THE FOREST TOGETHER. WITH NOBODY ELSE AROUND.

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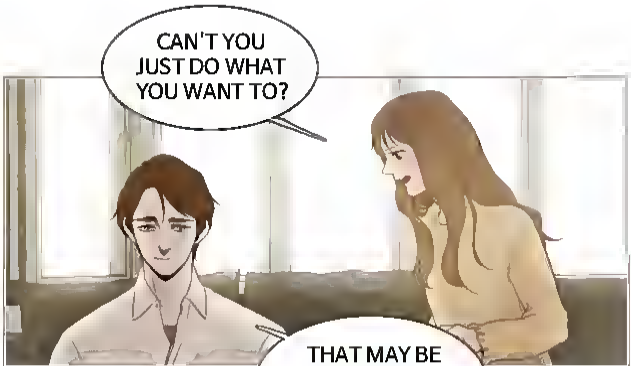
CAN'T YOU JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT TO?
THAT MAY BE EASY FOR YOU, BUT NOT FOR ME.
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT A PURPOSE.

I DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT.

I FEEL SICK.

DOES THIS KEEP REPEATING ITSELF..?

THIS FEELING.

THIS HE.A.T.

ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO DIE?
NO. I WANT TO LIVE.
YOU'RE A VERY INTERESTING GIRL. YOU'RE NOT EVEN AFRAID AS YOU SAY YOU WANT TO LIVE.
OR IS YOUR FACE JUST PERMANENTLY FROZEN LIKE THAT?

...WHO ARE YOU?
I'M SOMEONE WHO CAN MAKE ALL THIS GO AWAY, FOR A FEE.
DID YOU COME HERE TO KILL HIM?

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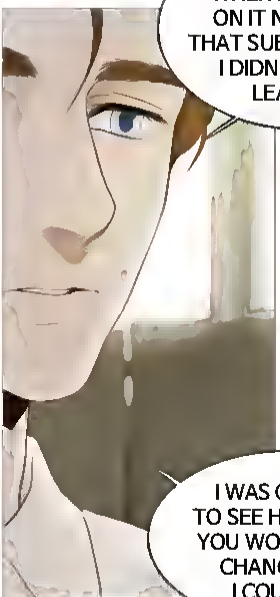
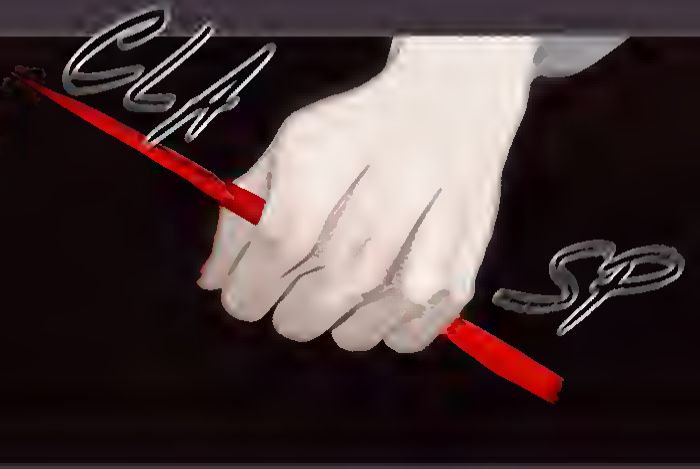
OR, IS THIS REALITY?

F##K!!
SMACK
WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO MAKE SOME F##KIN' MONEY INSTEAD OF JUST MOOCHING OFF ME?!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING AFTER YOU SINCE YOUR PARENTS CROAKED!
AND YOU RIPPED HIS EARS OFF?

NO.


BUT...
WHEN I THINK BACK ON IT NOW, I THINK THAT SUBCONSCIOUSLY I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU.
I WAS CURIOUS TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU WOULD BRING CHANGE THAT I COULDN'T.
THAT MUST BE WHY I ACTED LIKE I HADN'T SEEN THAT EXPRESSION.

WHAT GOOD WOULD THAT DO?
THE GUY YOU'RE SITTING ON IS MY PAYCHECK
IS SHE BLIND?
WAVE
WAVE
CAN'T YOU JUST... KILL ME?



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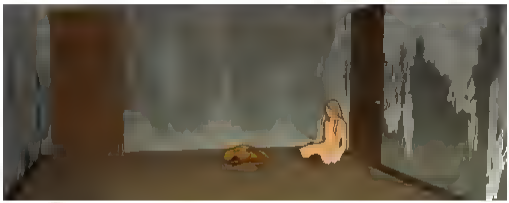
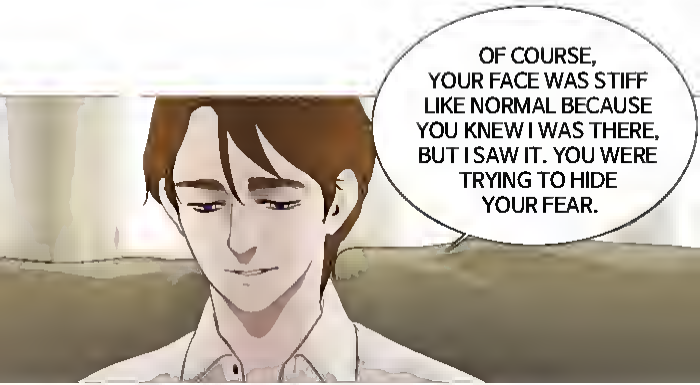
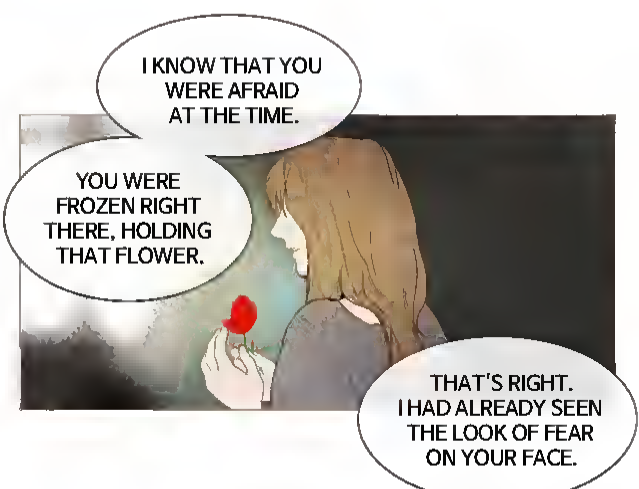
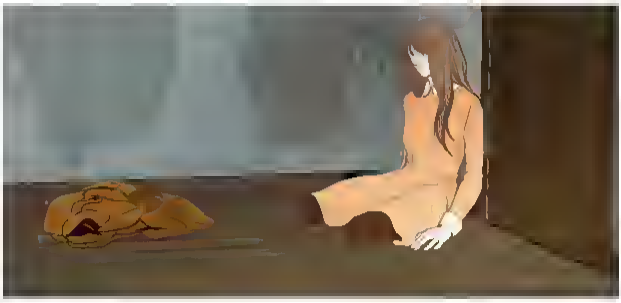


DON'T MAKE
ME MISERABLE
ANYMORE.

IT'S JUST FAIR.


OF COURSE, YOUR FACE WAS STIFF LIKE NORMAL BECAUSE YOU KNEW I WAS THERE, BUT I SAW IT. YOU WERE TRYING TO HIDE YOUR FEAR.


I KNOW THAT YOU WERE AFRAID AT THE TIME.
YOU WERE FROZEN RIGHT THERE, HOLDING THAT FLOWER.
THAT'S RIGHT. I HAD ALREADY SEEN THE LOOK OF FEAR ON YOUR FACE.



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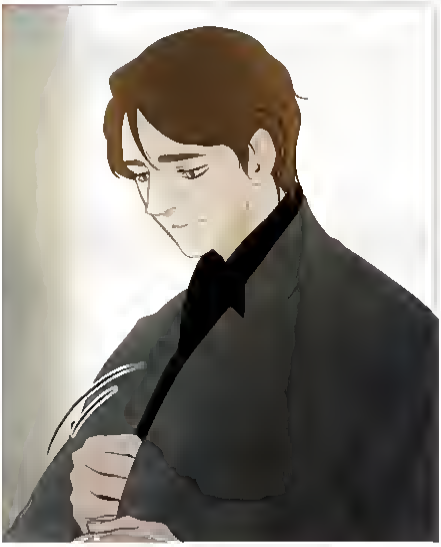
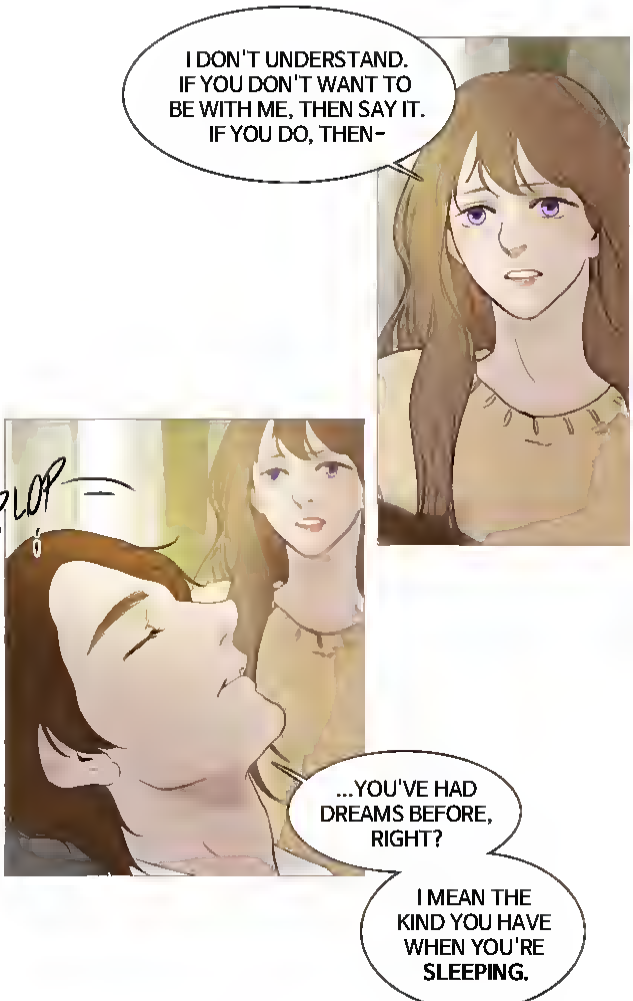



I DON'T UNDERSTAND. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE WITH ME, THEN SAY IT. IF YOU DO, THEN~
PLOP
...YOU'VE HAD DREAMS BEFORE, RIGHT?
I MEAN THE KIND YOU HAVE WHEN YOU'RE SLEEPING.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER.

I THOUGHT IT DIDN'T MATTER WHETHER I WAS A PERSON OR NOT. IN FACT, I ACTUALLY THOUGHT I WAS SUPERIOR.

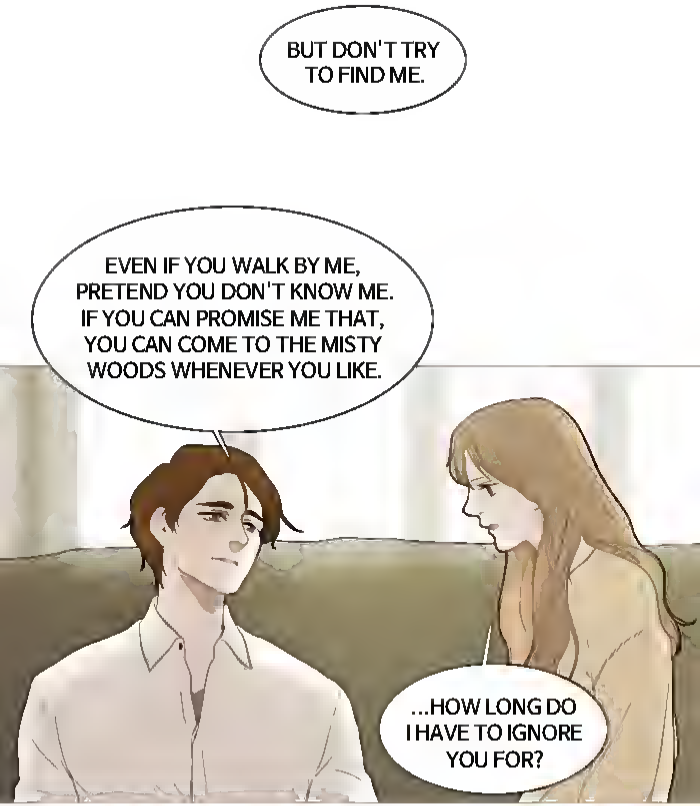
AND THEN..

ARE YOU ENJOYING THIS?
YOU RE JUST VERY UNIQUE
WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO HELP YOU LIVE?

NO,
YOU.
THEN KILL ME.

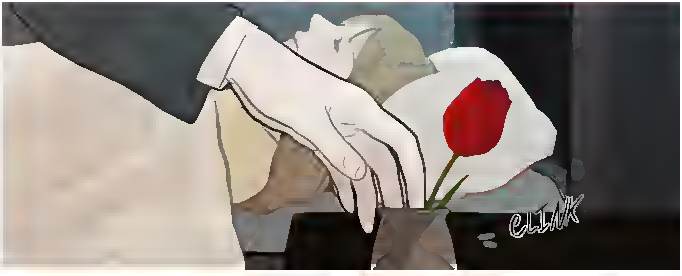
THIS PAIN

IT'S SO VIVID


BUT DON'T TRY TO FIND ME.
EVEN IF YOU WALK BY ME, PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW ME. IF YOU CAN PROMISE ME THAT, YOU CAN COME TO THE MISTY WOODS WHENEVER YOU LIKE.
...HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO IGNORE YOU FOR?

OH MY-
THIS IS NO GOOD.

ARE YOU SERIOUSLY GOING TO KEEP BEING LIKE THIS?!
STOP YELLING.
MY EARS HURT
I THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO USE YOU FOR SOMETHING BUT F##K IT!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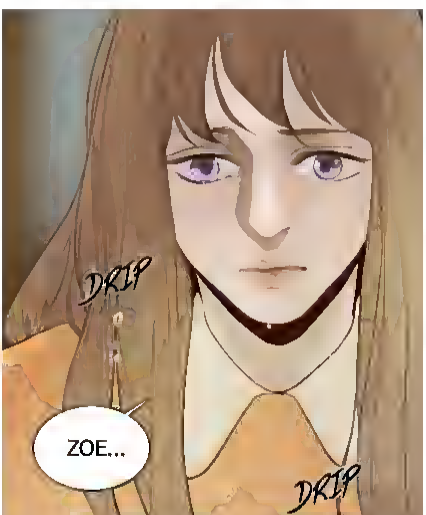
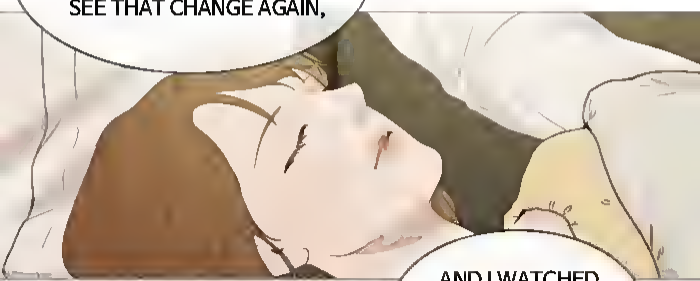

DRIP
ZOE...
DRIP

SO YOU CAN COME TO WHERE I LIVE ANYTIME YOU LIKE.
MAKE FRIENDS, GOSSIP, AND EVEN FIGHT- DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

LONG AGO,
I ONCE SAW YOU SMILE
AS YOU HAPPENED TO
SEE A FLOWER BLOWN IN
THROUGH THE WINDOW.

I WAS AMAZED TO
FINALLY SEE THAT FACE
OF YOURS GET ROUND,
SINCE IT'S NORMALLY
AS STIFF AS A ROCK.

I PICKED A FLOWER AND
PUT IT ON THE TABLE FOR
YOU BECAUSE I WANTED TO
SEE THAT CHANGE AGAIN,



AND I WATCHED
YOU SECRETLY AS
I PRETENDED
TO COOK.

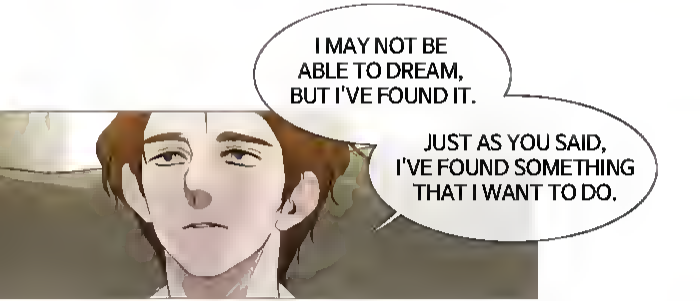
I CERTAINLY KNEW THAT

I'M ACTUALLY JEALOUS.

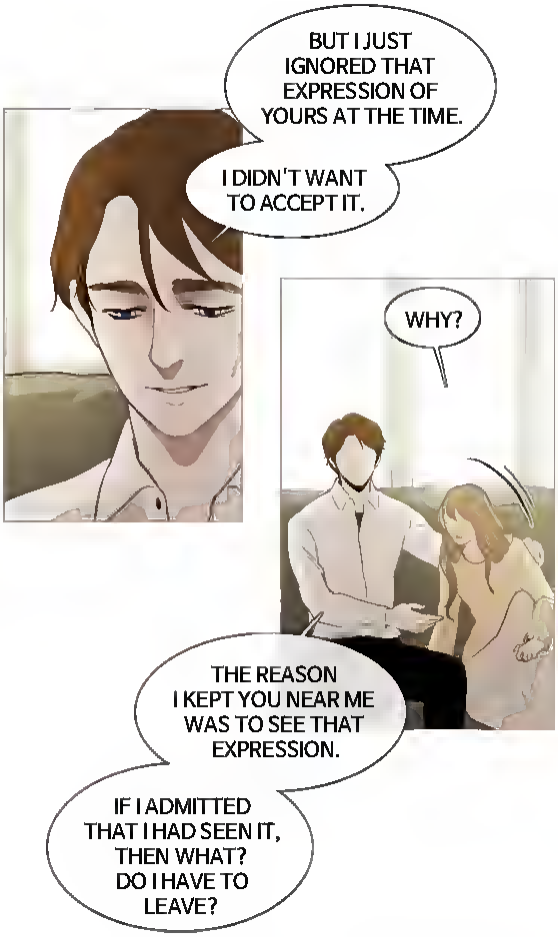
JEALOUS OF THAT GRADUAL PROCESS OF CHANGE,

OF BEING ABLE TO DREAM,

AND OF HAVING THE ENDLESS POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUING TO CHANGE IN THE FUTURE.
BUT ADORA...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE GOOD PART IS?


I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DREAM, BUT I'VE FOUND IT.
JUST AS YOU SAID, I'VE FOUND SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO DO.

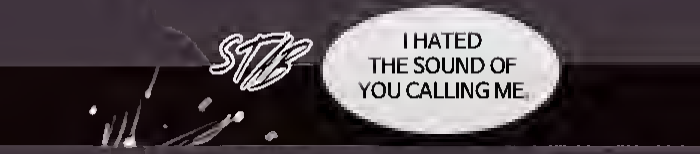
HELP ME LIVE.


BUT I JUST IGNORED THAT EXPRESSION OF YOURS AT THE TIME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO ACCEPT IT.
WHY?
THE REASON I KEPT YOU NEAR ME WAS TO SEE THAT EXPRESSION.
IF I ADMITTED THAT I HAD SEEN IT, THEN WHAT? DO I HAVE TO LEAVE?

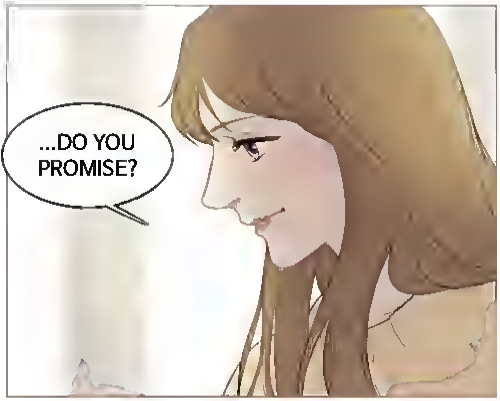
I SAID STOP IT
STAB

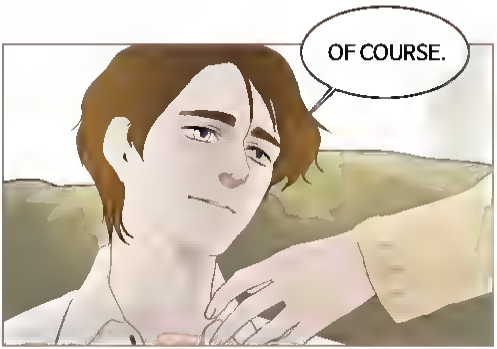
YOU..
COUGH
COUGH
!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT



I DREAMT OF FREEDOM AS I SNAPPED THIS TWIG FROM OUTSIDE THE WINDOW AND SHARPENED IT.


...DO YOU PROMISE?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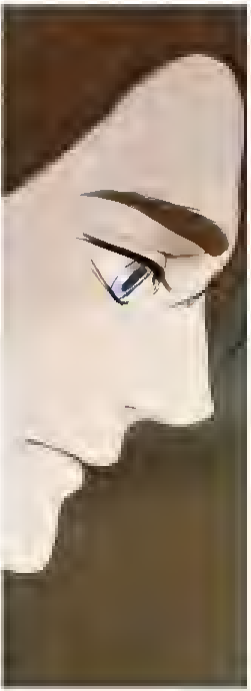

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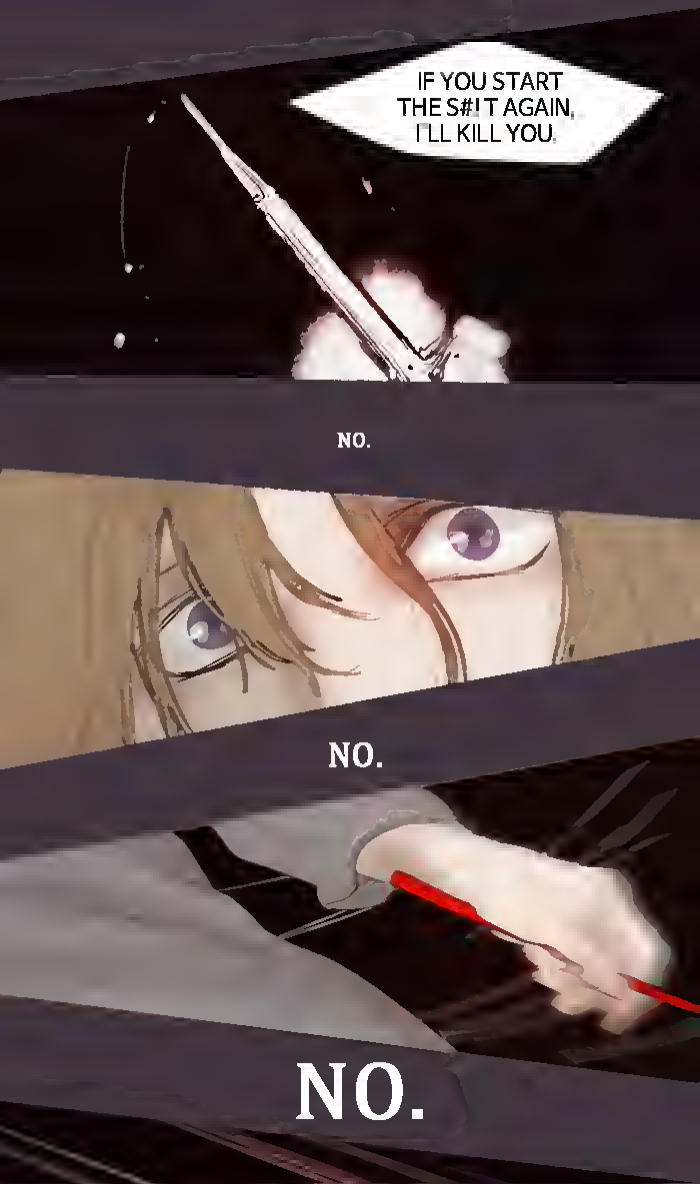
SO NOW, I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU AS YOU ARE.

JUST LIKE A REGULAR PERSON,
I'M GOING TO STOP BOTHERING YOU AND GIVE YOU FREEDOM.


IF YOU START THE S#!T AGAIN, I'LL KILL YOU.
NO.
NO.
NO.

STAB

I HATED THE WAY YOU ACTED LIKE YOU WERE DOING ME A FAVOR

THE SHARPER THE STICK GOT, THE MORE I SMILED